

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
FY 2008 Application Ranking Summary - Field Sheet
Grassland At-Risk Species Habitat Conservation**

Program: EQIP 2002	Ranking Date:	Application #:
Ranking Tool: Grassland At-Risk Species Habitat Conservation	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:	Tract Number:	

Ranking Tool Description: This EQIP Fiscal Year 2008 funding pool is used to assist landowners who will improve Grassland At-Risk Species Habitat Conservation. Emphasis is placed on creating and improving grassland habitat for plant and animal species in decline. Planting non-native grasses is not eligible for payment under this fund pool. Practices applied in this fund pool will also enhance livestock operations with proper management of native grass. Question number two under State Issues relates to planting native grass within the 50 mile radius of the planned University of Tennessee - Vonore research cellulosic ethanol plant. If the planned site is relocated, a new map will be provided. Vonore is located in Monroe County in east Tennessee. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is offering a \$55.00 per acre incentive payment for establishing native warm season grasses and landowners are encouraged to apply. Other practices (pipeline, fencing, water systems etc.) are eligible only if planned and located in the field where native warm season grass is planted.

For example: only a fence in a native warm season grass (NWSG) field (on the border or through it) would be eligible; only a watering facility located in a NWSG field (on the border or in it) would be eligible; only a pipeline located in a NWSG field (on the border or in it) would be eligible. A pipeline could be run in a number of fields to get to the NWSG field, but troughs in the other fields could not be installed (only if a field is on the border or in the NWSG field).

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses: Circle Yes if applicable	
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	5 Point(s) Yes or No	<p>National Priority Multiplier is 10.0</p> <p>National Priority Score is Total Points X Multiplier:</p> <p>Total Points X 10.0 =</p>
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	5 Point(s) Yes or No	
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	5 Point(s) Yes or No	
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	5 Point(s) Yes or No	
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	5 Point(s) Yes or No	

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses: Circle Yes if applicable	<p>State Issues Multiplier is 10.0</p> <p>State Issues Score is Total Points X Multiplier:</p> <p>Total Points X 10.0 =</p>
1. Does the tract have existing native grasslands (minimum of 2 acres) or at least 25% of the offered acres' perimeter is adjacent to cropland or fencerows or hedgerows that have an average minimum width of 20 feet?	100 Point(s) Yes or No	
2. Will native grass be planted and is the field located within 50 miles of the planned Vonore research cellulosic ethanol plant?	75 Point(s) Yes or No	
3. Does the applicant agree to defer disturbance on at least 20% of total native grass acres or 100% of native grass buffers during the primary nesting season (4/15-8/15)?	75 Point(s) Yes or No	
4. Will native grass be planted adjacent to other existing native grass stands? (adjacent areas are greater than 50% native plants)	50 Point(s) Yes or No	
5. Does the applicant agree to convert at least 5.0 acres of introduced grassland or cropland to native warm season grasses?	50 Point(s) Yes or No	
6. Will the applicant establish a mixed native grass/forb planting of at least 3 species?	50 Point(s) Yes or No	
7. Is a field border at least 45 feet in width and at least 1 acre in size planned as part of this contract or is there a pending Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) application for field borders?	50 Point(s) Yes or No	
8. Can a prescribe burn plan be developed for this site and is the landowner willing to implement a prescribed burn plan?	50 Point(s) Yes or No	
9. Does the applicant have a Tennessee Department of Conservation (TDEC) Natural Heritage Management Agreement or Natural Areas Registry Agreement for benefiting Threatened and Endangered Species (e.g., a Management Agreement including disking to benefit the Spring Creek bladderwort in Wilson County)?	25 Point(s) Yes or No	
10. Has the applicant completed and submitted a Conservation Security Program (CSP) Self-Assessment?	10 Point(s) Yes or No	

Circle Land Use:	
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Land Use:

Hay;

Pasture;

Wildlife;

Practices	Mark with a X if practice will be used:
Fence	
Field Border	
Filter Strip	
Heavy Use Area Protection	
Hedgerow Planting	
Nutrient Management	
Pasture and Hay Planting	
Pest Management	
Pipeline	
Pond	
Prescribed Burning	
Prescribed Grazing	
Pumping Plant	
Spring Development	
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	
Watering Facility	

Ranking Score

Efficiency: 10.0 Local Issues: 0 State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature
Signature Date:	Signature Date: